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MEDIA ADVISORY - Dec. 4, 2002

HECB to consider higher education funding options at Dec. 12 meeting

OLYMPIA - The Higher Education Coordinating Board will discuss options for financing a major state investment in college and university enrollments, financial aid and educational quality when it meets Dec. 12 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In October, the board recommended a \$1.1 billion increase in state funding for higher education in the 2003-05 state budget. Most of the new funds are needed just to restore funding at Washington colleges to the national average, the board found.

Members of the board said public colleges and universities in Washington face rapidly increasing enrollment pressure, rising costs for new and expanded programs, and the erosion of long-term state funding support. For example, inflation-adjusted state support for the public four-year schools in Washington has declined 9 percent over the last decade.

On Dec. 12, the board will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Walker Ames Room at Kane Hall to discuss several options for new sources of revenue that could support the needed higher education investments.

Members also will hear from Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Terry Bergeson and other K-12 education officials, who will discuss issues such as college admissions that bridge the K-12 and higher education systems. The board will hear a variety of reports and presentations, including reports on gender equity, tuition and fees, high-demand enrollments and an overview of the Washington Institute for Public Policy's report on the HECB itself.

The public is invited to attend. Briefing materials on agenda items will be available by Friday, Dec. 6, at: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov>

Who: **Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board**

What: **December meeting**

When: Thursday, Dec. 12
9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Where: University of Washington, Seattle
Kane Hall, Walker Ames Room

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PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

University of Washington, Seattle
Walker Ames Room, Kane Hall
Dec. 12, 2002

Approximate times

8:30 a.m. Board continental breakfast and review of meeting agenda
No official business will be conducted.

9 a.m. Welcome and introductions

- Bob Craves, HECB chair

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adoption of October 2002 HECB meeting minutes

Adoption of HECB 2003 meeting calendar

Promise Scholarship Evaluation Report (*Resolution 02-31*)

Accountability Report

9:15 a.m. FISCAL COMMITTEE REPORT
Closing the Higher Education Funding Gap: New Revenue Options

- HECB staff briefing
- Board discussion
- Public comment

(*Resolution 02-32*)

10 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

- Dr. Lee Huntsman, interim president, UW
- Dr. V. Lane Rawlins, president, WSU

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. High-demand Enrollment: Review of Institutions' Reports

- HECB staff briefing
- Comment from institutions

11:15 a.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
HECB Legislative Agenda

- HECB staff briefing (*Resolution 02-33*)

11:45 a.m. Board lunch
No official business will be conducted.

1 p.m. Gender Equity in Higher Education
HECB staff briefing (*Resolution 02-34*)

1:30 p.m. Tuition and Fee Report
HECB staff briefing (*Resolution 02-35*)

2 p.m. K-12 and Higher Education Discussion

Overview
HECB staff briefing

K-12 and Higher Education Partnership to Support Student Learning
• Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

K-12 / Higher Education Articulation
• Roberta May, chair, State Board of Education

Teacher Preparation and Shortage Areas
• Lin Douglas, director of professional education and certification, OSPI

Public Comment

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Presentation from the Washington Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP)

Study on the HECB
• Roxanne Lieb, director
• Jim Mayfield, senior research associate

Study on Branch Campuses
• Annie Pennucci, research associate

4:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT

4:45 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Members of the HECB also will participate in a reception for higher education leaders from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Walker Ames Room of Kane Hall. No official business will be conducted.

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